

# **SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY**

An unlimited number of licenses were available and 3,944 licenses were issued for the 2014 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,641 residents, 1,303 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

The survey sample size was 599 (16% of hunters) and the response rate was 78%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 28% and the projected harvest was 1,258 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 12 through May 18 and hunters averaged 3.19 days of hunting for a projected total of 11,890 days of recreation for the season.

Resident hunters purchased 370 licenses for the BH2 unit, where tags were only valid May 1-18. Of those, 153 did not have a unit BH1 license; therefore, only 217 hunters purchased two licenses for the season. Reported success for unit BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 22%.

## **Comparison of the 2004-2014 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Avg Days Hunted</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Average Satisfaction</b>
2004	5,798	2,494	3.58	43%	4.67
2005	6,397	2,666	3.53	42%	4.66
2006	6,656	2,570	3.65	39%	4.95
2007	6,378	2,430	3.45	38%	5.57
2008	6,508	2,743	3.39	42%	5.52
2009	5,474	2,346	3.46	43%	5.69
2010	5,244	2,195	3.97	42%	5.36
2011	4,808	1,693	3.53	35%	5.28
2012	4,435	1,685	3.63	38%	5.31
2013	4,512	1,517	3.18	31%	5.08
2014	3,944	1,258	3.19	28%	4.99

## **2014 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections**

Last Revised:												
08/18/2014												
Unit/Type	Licenses				Hunters	Response Rate	Unit/ Subunit Success	Harvest Estimate			Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn
	Resident		Nonresident					Toms	Jakes	Total		
BH1-32	Unlim	2,271	Unlim	1,303	3,727	77.6%	28%	1,114	144	1,258	3.19	4.99
BH2-32	Unlim	370	0	0								
		2,641		1,303								
Response rate for the season was		77.6%										
Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.												
217 hunters had licenses for both BH1 and BH2 units												

## Black Hills Spring Turkey 1985-2014

